

High school Reds take all

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The RAF Lakenheath High School basketball teams are in first place for their conference. Red team girls are currently undefeated and the Red boys have only lost one game.

The Blue teams are in third place for the conference.

Red girls

The RAF Lakenheath Red girls team remains undefeated after a conference play when they defeated Alconbury at home 49 - 17 Jan. 17.

Lisa Webb was the high scorer with 16 points and Keara Keller added another nine. Red's point guard, Nikki Brown, added a new dimension missing from the team last year and had six assists. Coach John Hedberg pulled the starters in the second quarter.

The Red Lancers traveled to

London Jan. 18 to play the only other undefeated team in the conference, the American School in London. They emerged victorious, with a score of 37 - 35. Keller led scorers with 18 points and Webb pumped in 12. Brown's persistent pressure of defense and ability to break the American School's press with her speed helped win the game.

"This was an exciting victory," said Pete Resnik, high school athletic director. "We haven't beaten the American School in London in 20 years. This has been a stellar season."

The Red girls played against Alconbury Jan. 24 and won the game 45 - 5. Webb contributed 16 points and Keller, eight. The game was called for the 40-point rule.

The team played against London Central Saturday and won 51 - 28. Keller had 20 points, Webb had 11 and Stephanie Prochaska had nine.

Blue girls

The Blue girls lost at the American School in London Jan. 17. The final score was 43 - 23. Jelica Slaughter sunk eight points and Shamika Hall had seven.

The team played Croughton Saturday and won the game 50 - 33.

"After a very decisive victory over the Croughton girls, the Lady Blue Lancers are poised to wreck havoc in the United Kingdom tournament," said Resnik. "They are up against very fierce competition, but they feel they have the heart and guts to pull it through."

Red boys

The Lakenheath Red boys team defeated Alconbury Jan. 17 at home 82 - 60.

Dietrick Bush scored 20 points in two quarters. The remainder of the starters were pulled after the first quarter. Ron Ortiz scored 19 points for Alconbury.

The Red team traveled to the American School in London for the showdown of the



Zack Bramante (left) and Joey Barton (right) Lakenheath Red junior varsity players go for a steal on Lakenheath Blue Garret Gemeinhardt Tuesday night. The boys Red team won the game 38-37. The Lakenheath boy's varsity teams played Tuesday and Red won 74-56.

conference powerhouses Jan. 18. The Red team defeated the American School in London 64 - 60. The Lakenheath team had beat the Eagles in a pre-conference game 74 - 50, but the Eagles hadn't been beaten at home in conference since 1989. Bush scored 22 points, Otis Anderson had 16, Gary Webb had 12 and Chris Mazowieski, known as Magic, had nine points.

The real story, however, doesn't show in the statistics. Magic, the Red's point guard and leader, held the American School in London's captain, John Farmer to one point in the last three quarters.

Webb smothered the American School's "Little General" and held him to one basket and Dan Haire stopped everyone he covered. Only two buckets were made against him. Anderson, however, had his hands full with Keith Norman, who scored 39 points.

"The Red boys team is on fire with a 10 - 1 overall record and a 7 - 1 conference season," Resnik said. "Detrick, Otis and Chris have lead an impressive offensive charge for Red."

Bush has averaged 23 points and six assists a game. Dan Haire

has averaged 11 points and five assists; Magic has averaged 17 points and six assists; Anderson has averaged 18 points.

Blue boys

Lakenheath Blue boys traveled to the American School in London Jan. 17. They lost 62 - 48 as their forward, Josh Johnson, broke his finger. Johnson was unable to return to form. Blue was also unable to stop Norman, who scored 38 points. Will Young scored nine points for Blue.

The team lost a tough one to London Central Jan. 18. The final score was 41 - 40. Young scored 14 points, and freshman Rodney Cobb scored 11. London Central's J.P. Catrell scored 15 points and scored the winning bucket with four seconds left.

The Blue boys played against the American School in London Jan. 24 and lost 35 - 56. Young had 12 points and Tony Ledwell had eight points.

"The Blue boys lost what was a great game despite what the score shows," Resnik said. "Young has lead the charge for Blue ever since Johnson went down earlier this season."



Photos by SrA. Jeff Capenos
Shamika Hall (50) and Keara Keller fight for a rebound under the rim during Tuesday night's game.